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from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

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§ 302.17 Inclusion of State statutes.

The State plan shall provide a copy of State statutes, or regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes and having the force of law (including citations of such statutes and regulations), that provide procedures to determine the paternity of a child born out of wedlock, to establish the child support obligation of a responsible parent, and to enforce a support obligation, including spousal support if appropriate.

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§ 302.19 Bonding of employees.

The State plan shall provide that the following requirements and criteria to bond employees are in effect:

(a) *IV-D responsibility.* The IV-D agency will insure that every person, who has access to or control over funds collected under the child support enforcement program, is covered by a bond against loss resulting from employee dishonesty.

(b) *Scope.* The requirement in paragraph (a) of this section applies to every person who, as a regular part of his or her employment, receives, disburses, handles or has access to support collections, which includes:

(1) IV-D agency employees and employees of any other State or local agency to which IV-D functions have been delegated.

(2) Employees of a court or law enforcement official performing under a cooperative agreement with the IV-D agency.

(3) Employees of any private or governmental entity from which the IV-D agency purchases services.

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(c) *Bond.* The bond will be for an amount which the State IV-D agency deems adequate to indemnify the State IV-D program for loss resulting from employee dishonesty.

(d) *Self-bonding System.* A State or political subdivision may comply with the requirement in paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) By means of a self-bonding system established under State law or,

(2) In the case of a political subdivision, by means of a self-bonding system approved by the State IV-D agency.

(e) *IV-D liability.* The requirements of this section do not reduce or limit the ultimate liability of the IV-D agency for losses of support collections from the State's IV-D program.

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§ 302.20 Separation of cash handling and accounting functions.

The State plan shall provide that the following requirements and criteria to separate the cash handling and accounting functions are in effect.

(a) *IV-D responsibility.* The IV-D agency will maintain methods of administration designed to assure that persons responsible for handling cash receipts of support do not participate in accounting or operating functions which would permit them to conceal in the accounting records the misuse of support receipts. Such methods of administration shall follow generally recognized accounting standards.

(b) *Scope.* The requirement in paragraph (a) of this section applies to persons who participate in the collection, accounting or operating functions which include:

(1) IV-D agency employees and employees of any other State or local agency to which IV-D functions have been delegated.

(2) Employees of a court or law enforcement official performing under a cooperative agreement with the IV-D agency.

(3) Employees of any private or governmental entity from which the IV-D agency purchases services.